

Recently I was blessed with an opportunity to be forced to leave a career that I spent 35 years enjoying.RADIO.

I am now the director and host of a LOCAL Cable Television program entitled" Live From The Delta". The program originates in Clarksdale, Mississippi and will soon be on the web.

The key words here are 'LOCAL' and 'LIVE'.

The two radio stations,if you want to call them that,where I was employed are WKDJ/WAID.They are owned by RADIO CLEVELAND INC.,911 South Davis (POBOX 780),Cleveland,Mississippi 38732.

This company sees fit NOT to offer any form of LOCAL programming whatsoever and the community of Clarksdale and Coahoma County Mississippi have been neglected as this company has failed to act in the best interest of the community to it is licensed to SERVE.

The only LOCAL programming they offer is during football season and an occassionl basketball game.

They do not deserve to maintain the license to operate in Clarksdale and Coahoma, Mississippi.

I would like to ask the FCC what happened to the 'good old days' when radio stations had to be held accountable for programming.How is it thatstations that are suppose to serve a local community can get away with operating via satellite about 95% of the time.THIS IS NOT FAIR,especially when there is a more deserving organization forming in Clarksdale that wishes to have the frequencies 96.5 and 106.5 for non profit/educational purposes to teach and train interested high school and Jr. College students the BROADCASTING INDUSTRY and not how to babysit the Tom Joyner Show or the Doug Banks show,or the Country format offered by ABC.IT IS NOT FAIR and we challenge the Federal Communications Commission to require stations that are suppose to serve a community to do so and not remain on a satellite 95% of the broadcast day,7 days a week.

Allowing radio stations to more or less govern themselves and their performance within a community DID NOT WORK.

Though it is no longer a requirement,our students are going to have to learn and pass a test on elements 2,3 and 9 of the FCC RULES and Regulations just like we had to do in the good old days to get a third class ticket.They are going to learn to maintain a programming log just like in the days of old when stations had to be accountable for commercial programming,public service programming,etc.

Again,it is not fair that Radio Cleveland,Inc. be allowed to maintain the license for these stations in Clarksdale when they are no benefit to this communitywhat so ever as they are programmed and more or less controled remote control style out of Cleveland, Mississippi.

I challenge a Field Representative to pay a surprise visit to Clarksdale, Mississippi so the FCC can see for itself that this company does not deserve to maintain a license.

Dear FCC..What Happened to the good old days???????

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